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SUBJECT: UNGA SPICAL SESSION: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEPAL

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1. POLOFF FISCHER AND I CALLED ON MFA JOINT SECRETARY BHATT
MAY 30 TO DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS USG'S THINKING ON THE SEVENTH
SPECIAL SESSION AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO
ENGAGE IN FURTHER MORE DETAILED CONSULTATIONS AS THE SESSION
APPROACHED. DRAWING ON REFTELS I REVIEWED PROBLEM AREA TOPICS
WE WERE PROPOSING AND SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WE HAD
WITH THE FIVE

AGENDA ITEMS PUT FORWARD BY THE GROUP OF 77. I

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EMPHASIZED BOTH OUR DESIRE FOR WKCONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RATHER THAN THE CONFRONTATION WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACHED TO A PRODUCTIVE OUTCOME OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

2. BHATT WHO IS MFA'S PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY ON UN MATTERS AND WHO WILL PROBABLY BE ATTENDING LIMA MEETING RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND SAID THAT THE GON WOULD WELCOME FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE MEET AGAIN WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK TO TEN DAYS WITH NEPALESE UN PERMREP UPADHAYA AND OTHER FOREIGN AND COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS. UPADHAYA, HE SAID, WAS RETURNING EXPLICITLY FOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE MINISTRY IN PREPARATION FOR THE LIN ,9,-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. HOWEVER, IF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEPALESE ARE TO BE PRODUCTIVE, WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON THE AGENDA TOPICS PROPOSED BY THE USG (PARA 5 REF A). LANY GUCUANCE ON THESE ISSUES OR DETAILS OF USG POSITIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE FOR USE WITH THE NEPALESE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL AND WOULD ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS THAT WE WILL OBTAIN NEPAL'S ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR VIEWS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF A GENERALLY MODERATE STANCE BY NEPAL AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. ST HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD BY FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL THAT HE HOPES TO STOP IN WASHINGTON AT SOME POINT THIS AUTUMN EITHER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LIMA NON-ALIGNED MEETING OR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE ENCOURAGE HIM TO THINK IN TERMS OF CONSULTATIONS BEFORE LIMA AND AS AN EXPLICIT FOLLOW-ON TO THE DISCUSSIONS WE HOPE TO HAVE IN KATHMANDU. I RECOGNIZE THAT MANY FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE SEEKING WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS IN THIS PERIOD AND WOULD, THEREFORE APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON WHETHER TO ENCOURAGE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE FOR A WASHINGTON STOP-OVER AND IF SO, AT WHAT GENERAL TIME.

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